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Part IV—Section 2

Tamil Nadu Acts and Ordinances

The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the President on the 17th June 2025 and is hereby published for general information:—

ACT No. 41 of 2025.

An Act Further to Amend the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Seventy-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Forest (Amendment) Act, 2025. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

Tamil Nadu Act V
of 1882.

2. In section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the expression “the Board of Revenue”, the expression “such officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of District Collector, as may be notified by the Government” shall be substituted. Amendment of section 7.

3. After section 16-A of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:— Insertion of section 16-B.

“16-B.Declaration of compensatory afforestation land to be reserved forest.—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may, by notification, declare any land transferred to the Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 (Central Act 69 of 1980) and the rules made thereunder, as reserved forest.”.

Amendment of
section 18.

4. In the proviso to section 18 of the principal Act, for the expression “the Board of Revenue”, the expression “such officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of District Collector, as may be notified by the Government” shall be substituted.

Substitution of
section 65.

5. For section 65 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“65. Government may delegate powers.—The Government may, by notification, delegate any of the powers vested in them under sections 16, 19, 20, 22, 27 and 58 to such officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of District Collector, as may be specified in the said notification.”.

(By order of the Governor)

S. GEORGE ALEXANDER,
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